

Indiana Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

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| Date | Monday, July 10, 2017 | | |
| Time | 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. | | |
| Location | Indiana State Department of Health, Yoho Board Room, 2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204 | | |
| Recorder | Grace Miller | | |
| Attendees | Susan Hickman, Bryan Hannon, Derek Imars, Tom Ledyard, Karen Moody, Stacey Sharp, Gerald Walthall, Murray Lawry, Grace Miller, Liz Carroll, Art Logsdon, Keylee Wright, and Heather Sager. | | |
| Other | Chris Brinneman, Katie Crawford, and Lynn Robbin participated over the phone. | | |
| Topics | Discussion | Action or Follow-up | Responsible Person |
| Welcome and Introductions | Susan Hickman, PhD, Council Chair, provided welcoming remarks. Meeting participants introduced themselves. | | |
| Approve Meeting Minutes | Meeting minutes from the May 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved by Council members. | | |
| Updates: Survey on Palliative Care Teams, Website Content, Licensing, and Potential Legislative Action | <p>Dr. Hickman spoke about the Palliative Care Team Survey, and stated that it is intended to be distributed to hospitals and corporations throughout Indiana. The targeted groups will be palliative care teams, who can be found through networking, Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) listings, and other approaches. A question was raised regarding whether hospice-based palliative care would be included – the group discussed exploring hospice and pharmacy groups that work with palliative care and hospice facilities.</p> <p>It was noted that pediatric questions should be included on the survey, regarding palliative care for children and babies and peri-natal programs, as many palliative care teams will not see children under a certain age, including infants. A question was asked regarding chaplains, and whether they typically work on a palliative care team, or for the hospital at large. The group discussed a plan for dissemination, starting with contacts and the Get Palliative Care website, and exploring further.</p> <p>Heather Sager provided an update on the website draft, noting that the options are flexible. A question was raised regarding how people would find the information, and</p> | | |

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| | <p>Derek Imars and Tom Ledyard presented briefly on pain management, opioid access, and diversion. They began by noting that the Indiana Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council can help palliative care and hospice groups by working with the current policies. A large issue is waste disposal. Pharmacists and nurses cannot remove the medicine for destruction, only law enforcement officers, narcotic facilities, and locations that have registered with the Drug Enforcement Agency can dispose medications. For comparison, regulations in Ohio, 3712.062, allows hospice programs to destroy in-house. Minnesota has mobile units to go around to long-term care centers. The question was raised whether reporting requirements could be changed regarding opioid waste removal for hospice and palliative care programs, without affecting regulations for the lay person. It was noted that there are pain management alternatives, such as the patch, that may be better than currently used methods, and that the group could educate on these alternative options.</p> <p>The presentation will be continued at the next meeting.</p> | | |
| Upcoming Meeting | September 21, 2017 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. | | |